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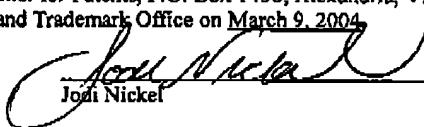
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Application No.: 09/843,051 Examiner: George R. Evanisko  
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For: Single and Multi-Polar Implantable Lead for Sacral Nerve Electrical  
Stimulation

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

**Introductory Comments**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Response is being filed concurrently with a Petition for Extension of Time of three months and with a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.